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SUBJECT: AGREEMENT ON INTRA-BERLIN TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS

REF: USBERLIN 2163 #

1. SENAT CHANCELLERY CHIEF HERZ INFORMED ALLIED LIAISON OFFICERS JANUARY 21 THAT FRG AND GDR POSTAL AUTHORITIES HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT ON FULLY AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE SERVICE BETWEEN EAST AND WEST BERLIN. WHILE EAST GERMANS WERE NOT OBLIGATED BY 1971 AGREEMENT TO SPECIFIC NUMBER OF TELEPHONE LINES, WEST GERMAN POSTAL AUTHORITIES HAD SOUGHT SYSTEM WITH 500 LINES AS MINIMUM NECESSARY FOR EFFICIENT INTRA-BERLIN TELEPHONE TRAFFIC. EAST GERMANS WOULD ONLY AGREE TO 240 LINES. HERZ EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT AT SOME TIME IN FUTURE, ADDITIONAL LINES MAY BE INTRODUCED.

2. AUTOMATIC SERVICE IS EXPECTED TO OPERATE SOMETIME IN APRIL. SIEMENS HAS CONTRACT FOR SYSTEM. CABLES ARE TO RUN UNDER BRANDENBURG GATE. HERZ SAID THAT EVEN

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AFTER DIRECT DIAL SYSTEM ESTABLISHED, SEMI-AUTOMATIC

SYSTEM NOW IN USE WILL BE MAINTAINED. IN EFFORT MAKE  
240 LINES DO WORK OF 500, SENAT AND FEDERAL POSTAL  
AUTHORITIES ARE CONSIDERING DRASTIC INCREASE IN FEES  
FOR CALLS LASTING LONGER THAN SIX MINUTES (NORMAL FEE  
FOR CALLS FROM WEST BERLIN TO EAST BERLIN WILL BE  
23 PFENNINGS FOR 6 MINUTES, COMPARED TO 23 PFENNINGS FOR  
UNLIMITED DURATION FOR LOCAL CALLS WITHIN WEST BERLIN).  
ANOTHER POSSIBILITY IS TO REDUCE COST FOR CALLS TO  
EAST BERLIN MADE DURING MIDDAY SLACK PERIOD.

3. COMMENT: OPPOSITION HAD PLANNED TO USE THIS ISSUE  
AGAINST SPD IN ELECTION CAMPAIGN (REFTEL) WHICH MAY BE  
ONE REASON WHY GDR AUTHORITIES CAME THROUGH WHEN THEY  
DID. GOVMAJOR SCHUETZ AND SPD ARE LAYING EMPHASIS ON  
ACHIEVEMENTS OF OSTPOLITIK, I.E., "THE PARTY THAT BROUGHT  
YOU TOGETHER AGAIN" AND PROGRESS ON INTRA-CITY  
TELEPHONES BUTTRESSES THAT THEME. GEORGE

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